Deaths due to starvation in the City of Madras.

* 421 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the month of September 1953 36 dead bodies of persons who had died as a result of starvation were picked up by the Police in Madras City; and

(*b*) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Government to stop further starvation deaths?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Sir, this question was put on 26th December 1953 and information was collected thereon. There were 71 deaths reported in the City in September 1953 :—

Due to natural causes	21
Due to suicide	18
Due to vehicle accidents	12
Due to accidents other than vehicle accidents ...	20

There was no death in the City due to starvation, in the month of September 1953.

" (*b*) Hon. Member is aware of all that is being done to feed the destitutes. There are no other specific steps to be taken."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the Government will never admit that there are starvation deaths. May I know whether the Hon. Minister and the Government have done anything so far to relieve the distress of many starving beggars? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought the hon. Member was listening to the various debates and discussions on the budget and also the questions on this subject. A beggar home has been opened by the Government. Another beggar home was also opened by some private agency."

Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டத்தினால் பசியை அடக்கமுடியாமல் குப்பைத் தொட்டிகளிலிருந்து கிடைக்கிறதையெல்லாம் சாப்பிடுவதன் மூலமாக ஏதாவது வியாதி உண்டாகி மரணம் ஏற்பட்டால், இந்த மரணத்திற்கு ' starvation death ' என்று சொல்லாமல் வேறு என்ன சொல்லவேண்டும் என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This is a hypothetical question and I don't think I should answer it."

Recruitment to the posts of magistrates under the scheme of separation.

* 422 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions restricting the selection of magistrates in the districts where the judicial and executive functions have been separated, to those who possess a Law degree; and

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(*b*) how many magistrates in those districts do not possess any Law degree?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) The Government have not issued any instructions; but one of the qualifications prescribed in the rules for recruitment to the posts of magistrates under the Scheme of Separation is that the candidates should possess a degree in Law.

" (*b*) None."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the recruitment is done through the Public Services Commission or otherwise? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are there any magistrates without legal qualifications still functioning in the districts where separation has been introduced? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I have already replied that the answer to clause (*b*) is ' None '."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that in the case of clerks of the High Court who have been appointed to these posts, rules have been relaxed and whether the claims of some sheristadars and Assistant Public Prosecutors who have put in more than 4 years' service have been overlooked? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Merit of individual cases is considered by the High Court and the Public Services Commission, and appointments are made, Sir."

Sale of adulterated milk by the Kasaragode Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Limited.

* 423 *Q*.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state— 10-40 a.m.

(*a*) the total amount of loan granted to the Kasaragode Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Limited, by the Central Bank in the year 1952–53;

(*b*) whether any of the office bearers of the society were prosecuted and convicted for adulteration of milk; and

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken to prevent a recurrence of such offences?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Secretary and the Joint Secretary of the Society were prosecuted twice under the Food Adulteration Act for the sale of adulterated milk by the society. In the first case, they were convicted by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate, Kasaragode, and were sentenced to pay a fine of